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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR US-EC CONSULTATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: THE EC COMMISSION HAS NOW RESPONDED WITH A REVISED AGENDA FOR THE DEC 5-6 CONSULTATIONS. IT COVERS MOST OF THE SUBJECTS PROPOSED IN REFTEL, BUT REARRANGES AND REPHRASES THEM. THE COMMISSION REVISION REFLECTS SOAMES'S PREFERENCE FOR AN AGENDA WHICH EMPHASIZES CERTAIN MAJOR TOPICS, AND FOR THE "TWO-TIER" FORMAT FOR CONSULTATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON NOVEMBER 8 MISSION OFFICERS GAVE FIELDING, THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE US-EC CONSULTATIONS CONTAINED IN THREE OF THE REFTEL. LATER THAT DAY SOAMES--WHO HAD SEEN THE DRAFT AGENDA--TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD (A) HE WOULD PREFER A REORDERED AGENDA DESIGNED TO HIGHLIGHT AND FOCUS THE DISCUSSION ON SOME MAJOR  
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TOPIES AND (B) HE HAS A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR THE

"TWO-TIER" APPROACH.

3. FIELDING ON NOVEMBER 12 GAVE US AN AGENDA AND PROGRAM. HIS TEXT, AND HIS ORAL EXPLANATION, WERE OBVIOUSLY BASED ON PERSONAL GUIDANCE BY SOAMES. THE TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS.

4. BEGIN TEXT.

5 DECEMBER

I. MORNING PLENARY SESSION

A. GENERAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN THE COMMUNITY AND US

B. MATTERS OF COMMON WORLD INTEREST

--EAST/WEST RELATIONS

--RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS

--RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, GREECE, AND TURKEY

--MTN

--AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK AFTER THE WFC

--RELATIONS WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

C. BILATERAL COMMERCIAL ISSUES

II. AFTERNOON FOLLOW-UP SESSION

A. MULTILATERAL MATTERS

--MTN (IN MORE DETAIL)

--OCED STANDSTILL

--COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND SUPPLY ACCESS

--FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND THE MULTINATIONALS

B. POLICIES TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (IN MORE DETAIL)

--ACP AND MEDITERRANEAN NEGOTIATIONS--RELATIONS WITH IRAN, MEXICO, ASEAN

--US DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (INCLUDING GPS;

BILATERAL AID PROGRAM; UN EMERGENCY FUND)

C. BILATERAL COMMERCIAL ISSUES (IN MORE DETAIL)

6 DECEMBER

III. MORNING PLENARY SESSION

A. ENERGY MATTERS

--STATUS OF EC COMMON ENERGY POLICY

--US ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPMENTS -- INCLUDING US

VIEWS ON CONSUMER-PRODUCER MEETING

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--IEP DEVELOPMENTS

--URANIUM ENRICHMENT

B. REVIEW OF RECENT SECTORAL EXCHANGES--INCLUDING MR. FOX'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS (INDUSTRIAL POLICY)

C. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

D. CONCLUSIONS

IV. JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE

END TEXT.

5. ACCORDING TO FIELDING SOAMES BELGIVES THAT A "TWO-TIER" APPROACH--- OF PLENARY SESSIONS AND OFFICIAL-LEVEL GROUPS--PROVED ITSELF IN THE JUNE CONSULTATIONS. THUS, SOAMES WOULD ATTEND TO TWO PLENARY SESSIONS, BUT THE AFTERNOON SESSION ON DEC 5 WOULD BE CONDUCTED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL. THE SECOND AFTERNOON COULD ALSO BE USED FOR AN OFFICIAL LEVEL FOLLOW-UP MEETING, THOUGH FIELDING FELT IT MORE LIKELY THAT INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE THEN.

6. SOAMES ALSO LIKES JOINT PRESS CONFERENCES, BUT THE CHOICE BETWEEN JOINT AND SEPARATE CONFERENCES IS LEFT TO THE US SIDE.

7. THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE AGENDA IN REFTEL AND THE ONE PRESENTED BY FIELDING SEEM TO BE:

A. PART IV--"GENERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS"-- OF THE REFTEL AGENDA HAS BEEN DROPPED EXCEPT INsofar AS I-A OF THE COMMISSION AGENDA CAN BE MADE TO COVER IT. FIELDING EXPLAINED THAT SOAMES WOULD BE UNCOMFORTABLE DISCUSSING BROAD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AT LENGTH, AND THAT HE WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY OTHER PERSON CAPABLY OF HANDLING THIS SUBJECT IN DEPTH. IN ADDITION THE COMMISSION DOES NOT BELIEVE ITS COMPETENCE EXTENDS TO THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY.

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B. AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO ONE POINT UNDER ITEM I-B IN THE COMMISSION AGENDA. FELINDING SAID THE COMMISSION VIEW IS THAT AGRICULTURE WILL HAVE BEEN FRENSHLY AND EXTENSIVELY DISCUSSED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD FOOD CONVERENCE, AS WELL AS BETWEEN LARDINOIS AND SECRETARY BUTZ. FURTHERMORE, THOUGH NOT YET DECIDED, IT IS PROBABLY THAT NO AGRI-CULTURAL EXPERT WILL BE ACCOMPANYING SOAMES.

C. SOME SPECIFIC ISSUES CITED IN THE REFTEL AGENDA HAVE BEEN OMITTED IN THE COMMISSION'S VERSION. HOWEVER, SOAMES INTENDS TO RAISE THE DAIRY SUBSIDY-COUNTERVAILING DUTY ISSUE UNDER ITEM I-C, AND THE COMMISSION FORESEES DISCUSSION OF THAT ISSUE AND ALSO OF THE WINE PROBLEM UNDER ITEM II-C. FIELDING SAID THAT THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THE TWO SIDES SHOULD IN ANY CASE PIN DOWN MORE PRECISELY THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER ITEM II-C. SPECIFICS WERE NOT LISTED BY THE COMMISSION, HE SAID, MAINLY TO AVOID GIVING THE FORMAL AGENDA THE APPEARANCE OF A LAUNDRY LIST.

D. SOME OTHER POINTS ARE NOT LISTED OR ARE CON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CEALED BECAUSE THEIR LISTING WOULD BE EMBARRASSING FOR THE COMMISSION. THUS THE EC SUMMIT DOES NOT FIGURE ON THE COMMISSION AGENDA, BUT FIELDING THOUGHT THAT TSOAMES MIGHT SAY SOMETHING ON THIS SUBJECT IN HIS OPENING REMARKS. SIMILARLY, DISCUSSION OF "RELATIONS WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES", A SUBPOINT UNDER ITEM I-B, WILL INCLUDE SOMETHING ON CANADA, BUT THE COMMISSION DOES NOT WANT THIS STATED ON PAPER.

E. FINALLY, THE COMMISSION HAS REPHRASED SEVERAL POINTS IN THE US-PROPOSED AGENDA TO IMPROVE THE OPTICAL BALANCE AND REMOVE THE IMPLICATION THAT THE CONSULTATIONS CONSISTED MAINLY OF AN INQUIRY INTO EC POLICIES AND ACTIONS.

8. SOAMES WILL BE THE ONLY COMMISSIONER ATTENDING THE CONSULTATIONS. HE WILL BE SECONDED BY WELLENSTEIN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS. SPAAK, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY, AND DE SEDOUY, CHEYSSON'S CHEF DE CABINET, ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE IN THE COMMISSION'S DELEGATION. WE

WILL PASS ON THE NAMES OF THE REMAINING COMMISSION  
PARTICIPANTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE DETERMINED.

9. EARLY GUIDANCE ON THE COMMISSION'S  
AGENDA SUGGESTIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED.MYERSON

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